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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: Farmer  
ASSIGNEE: Ganeden Biotech, Inc.  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/369,016 EXAMINER: I. Marx  
FILING DATE: August 5, 1999 ART UNIT: 1651  
FOR: METHODS FOR INCREASING THE SOLUBILITY OF ESSENTIAL VITAMINS &  
MINERALS IN MAMMALS USING PROBIOTIC LACTIC ACID-PRODUCING  
BACTERIA, SYSTEMS, AND COMPOSITIONS

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the November 5, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application. A check (#16190) in the amount of \$465.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith. With the extension of time, a response to the Office Action is due on or before May 5, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 19374-504.

Respectfully submitted,

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